a certain land. The land remains in the possession of the owner and an order is passed by Government as to what compensation is payable to him thereon. If the man appeals to a civil court against this order, it is not his fault. His complaint is that Government do not pay him sufficiently, and if, as he alleges, Government have not satisfied his claim, they have to be dragged to court and compelled to pay his cost. In suits arising from settlement decisions, the dispute is between party and party in substance. It is therefore not expedient to exempt such suits altogether from court-fees. But in view of the fact that they are rendered necessary by the decisions of registering officers passed at the spot, in many cases upon summary enquiry, some concession might be shown. A party goes or is dragged to court only on some incidental question of title negatived by the settlement officer. Government accordingly propose to consider the feasibility of modifying the Court-fees Regulation (I of 1062) by providing a moderate fixed fee for suits to set aside pattahs. In British India, Rs. 10 is the sum fixed for such declaratory suits. Some such provision will be adopted here also.

71. Amendment of the Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation (V of 1071).

Mr. T. Vasudevan Potti of Vilavancode (*Nominated*), *Mr. Aiyappan Pillai* (*Vycome*), *Mr. Thuppan Thuppan Namburipad* (*Kunnatnad*), *Mr. K. Narayanan Namburipad of Muvattupuzha* (*Nominated*) *and Mr. Narayanan Jatavedar Namburipad* (*Muvattupuzha*) prayed for the amendment of the Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation embodying the existing practice in Cochin and British Malabar.

Reply.—This Regulation was only recently passed on the report of a special commission and there are no reasons to interfere with it now.

72. Repeal of clause (2) of Section 5 of the Hindu Religious Endowments Regulation (III of 1079).

Mr. Narayanan Jatavedar Namburipad (*Muvattupuzha*) represented that the provision sought to be now repealed worked considerable hardship on the proprietors of Devaswoms.

Reply.—This Regulation was very recently passed and no reasons are assigned for modifying it now.

73. Permission to apply for the refund of the value of spoilt stamps through the Tahsildars instead of direct to the Dewan Peishkars.

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